BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MAYO
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN,
REDIRECTED FORM THE POSTAL SERVICE
(DBP/USPS-141, 144-146)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Mayo to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-141 and 144 to 146, filed on January 10, 2002, and redirected from the Postal Service.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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DBP/USPS-141 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-106 subpart a. [a] Please advise the expected date for dissemination of the communication. [b] What are the "usual internal communications channels" utilized?

RESPONSE:

- a. The expected date for dissemination of the communication has not yet been determined, but an attempt will be made to complete the communication before the 2002 tax season.
- b. The usual channels include postal publications (both internal and external), letters, and electronic messaging.

DBP/USPS-144 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-111 subpart c. Will mailers desiring a return receipt after mailing be advised that they may obtain the same information for a savings of \$1.95 by utilizing the electronic return receipt service? If not, why not?

RESPONSE:

Yes. All forms of return receipt, including electronic return receipt service, will be identified with their prices in postal facilities, so the public can be advised of the options. Further, information about all options will be available in Postal Service notices and publications, and on the Postal Service website. Finally, it is normally the procedure for window clerks to explain and advise customers of available options when special services are being purchased.

DBP/USPS-145 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-112 subpart a. Please advise the expected date of completion of the operating procedures.

RESPONSE:

The expected date of completion has not yet been determined.

DBP/USPS-146 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-112 subpart b. Which specific lines of your testimony explain how you determined that the rate for return receipt after mailing obtained on the Internet will require a \$3.25 fee.

RESPONSE:

Page 55, lines 15 through 18. I determined one fee to apply to all types of return receipt after mailing, based on a weighted cost.

DECLARATION

I, Susan W. Mayo, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

SUSAN W. MAYO

Dated: JANUARY 33 2002

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

David H. Rubin

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